

SENATE BILL 19  
By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 43  
and Title 69, relative to timber harvesting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 69-3-138.

(a) Whenever a person contracts in writing with a master logger to conduct any type of timber harvesting on the person's property, the master logger shall assume sole liability for compliance with the provisions of this chapter if the master logger provides written certification to the person that the master logger has designed best management practices (BMPs) to ensure compliance with all applicable water pollution control laws and that the master logger will install, maintain and adhere to the BMPs to ensure erosion and sediment controls to protect waters of the state in all harvesting activities on the property.

(b) As used in this section, "master logger" means a person who is certified by the division of forestry of the department of agriculture as having completed all requirements of the master logger program, including but not limited to, maintaining all current continuing education requirements.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.